Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether this permission is restricted only to South Kanara ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is restricted to South Kanara."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the forest officers in the area concerned cannot be authorized to give permission in this matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Marine

Election of representatives of the Indian Chamber of Commerce for the Tuticorin Port Trust Board.

* 1026 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have called upon the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Tuticorin, to select only two representatives instead of three for the Port Trust Board and if so, for what reasons ?

A.—The Indian Chamber of Commerce, Tuticorin, has been asked to elect three trustees to the Tuticorin Port Trust Board.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether in the first instance the Government asked the Chamber of Commerce to elect two members only ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" With reference to the ancient history of the matter I am not in a position to say anything now."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" It is a recent instance. I want to know whether recently the Government did not ask that only two members should be elected ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice, Sir."

Progress of the Tuticorin Harbour Scheme.

* 1027 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what stage the projected Tuticorin Harbour Scheme is;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to confine the scheme only to the Hare Island and if so, whether such a proposal has received the approval of Government ;

(*c*) whether any works are being carried out on the Hare Island and if so, what and at what cost per month approximately, and with what dredgers and machinery ; and

(*d*) what the scheme has cost up to date ?

A.—(*a*) The Harbour Engineer-in-Chief is preparing detailed plans and estimates for the construction and maintenance of a complete harbour (*a*) at Hare Island, and (*b*) at the site fronting Tuticorin.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) All capital works at Hare Island were stopped in November 1927.

(*d*) The expenditure on capital works at Tuticorin up to end of 1927-28 was Rs. 27,37,411.